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DATE: January 26, 2012

TO: Michael G. Herring, CA

FROM: Brian McGownd, PWD\CE

SUBJECT: Installation of Deer Crossing Signs

We receive several requests every year to install Deer Crossing signs on various streets throughout the City. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices contains the warning sign for Deer Crossings; however, it does not provide criteria for the installation and removal of these signs. Therefore, we have developed the attached City Policy which establishes the criteria for the installation and removal of these signs.

The criteria basically utilizes deer car crash history over a certain period of time to warrant the placement of the sign on the subject street, so long as the speed limit on the street is 30 mph or greater. The policy also gives us the ability to remove signs if the crash history changes. This proposed policy is similar to what other agencies use throughout the country.

Therefore, we request that this issue be placed on the next Planning & Public Works Committee agenda for discussion.

If you have any questions, or need additional information please advise.

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→ Brian M.

cc: Mike Geisel, Director of Planning & Public Works

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POLICY STATEMENT**

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POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to be followed when considering installation and placement of Deer Crossing signs.

Information

The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices contains the warning sign for Deer Crossings (W11-3). However, it does not provide criteria for the installation and removal of these signs. Therefore, it is necessary to establish criteria to be used in the installation and removal of Deer Crossing signs.

Procedure

Deer Crossing signs will only be considered on streets where the posted speed limit is 30 mph or greater. A deer-car crash history should be researched for the stretch of street in question. Installation of Deer Crossing signs are warranted if three reported deer car related crashes have occurred in any given calendar year, or if five reported deer car related crashes have occurred in a three year period. Placement of the signs should be reviewed periodically. Any necessary adjustments in the placement or removal of the sign should be made if it is determined that the crash history has changed, as directed by the Public Works Director.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Department Head/Council Committee (if applicable)

Date

APPROVED BY:

City Administrator

Date

City Council (if applicable)

Date